

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Budget Workshop Meeting
Wednesday June 29, 2005, 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Castro, Vice Mayor Garretson, Commissioners Carey, and Daly, Interim Town Manager Paul Carlisle, and Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas. Commissioner Balias was absent.

Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Harbor Marina

Interim Town Manager Paul Carlisle explained the proposed budget for the 2005/2006 fiscal year for the Harbor Marina. He explained that the Harbor Marina revenue will be placed in an enterprise fund. Interim Town Manager Paul Carlisle explained how the figures were established for the slip rate and how the revenues were calculated. Keeping in mind that the majority of the Lake Park residents have smaller vessels, the Marina Manager, Patience Cohn proposes charging slip renters by the size of the vessel versus a flat rate. Harbor Marina Manager Patience Cohn explained in more detail how the proposed slip rate would create revenue and still keep Lake Park competitive with the industry. The proposed slip rate would still be less than area Marina's. Interim Town Manager Paul Carlisle pointed out that on the last page of the proposed budget is a spreadsheet with the break down slip cost by foot. See "Exhibit A".

Harbor Marina Advisory Board, Chairperson James DuBois stated that the Harbor Marina Advisory Board had discussed the increase in slip rate. The consensus of the Harbor Marina Advisory Board was that a rate increase was needed, but no amount was suggested. Mayor Castro suggested that the Harbor Marina Advisory Board should review the budget and give a suggestion on a new rate amount starting October 1, 2005 for one year.

After some discussion the Commission came to consensus to proceed forward and allow the Harbor Marina Advisory Board to make recommendations for a new rate. Harbor Marina Manager Patience Cohn suggested that in the event the Marina is not sold out, a seasonal rate can be established. Mayor Castro thanked the Harbor Marina Advisory Board members that were in attendance.

Legal

Interim Town Manager Paul Carlisle explained the proposed budget for Legal Services. Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird has increased his rate by \$50.00 an hour. Thomas J. Baird was not in attendance to answer questions regarding his proposed rate. Mayor Castro thought the hourly rate was too high for Legal Services. Commissioner Daly suggested an hourly rate of \$160-\$165 an hour; Vice-Mayor Garretson suggested not going any higher than \$170 an hour. Mayor Castro asked for a Legal rate survey from other municipalities in our area to compare with Mr. Baird's rate. Vice-Mayor Garretson would like to have a report comparing the actual and proposed 2004/2005 budget year. The Commission came to consensus to keep the annual rate for Legal Services as is.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and after a motion to adjourn by Vice-Mayor Garretson, and seconded by Commissioner Daly, by a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Mayor Paul Castro

Deputy Town Clerk Vivian Mendez

Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas

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